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In re patent application of: )  
David J. Robson, et al. ) Before the Examiner  
Serial No. 08/876.322 ) Ivars C. Cintins  
Filed June 16, 1997 ) Group Art  
IMPROVEMENTS IN OR ) Unit 1724  
RELATING TO ABSORPTION )  
OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER- )  
IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS )

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000 be extended two months to and including May 5, 2001.

The Applicant qualifies as a small entity. The statutory fee of \$190.00 for a small entity for this request is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any deficiency or apply any overpayment credit to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

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